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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PGOV, CZ
SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF AP CORRESPONDENT

REF PRAGUE 1117(BEING RELAYED BONN)

1. EMBOFF SPOKE ON TELEPHONE WITH ROBERT REID, WHO WAS AMUSED BY ALLEGATIONS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE VIOLATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM(REFTEL). HE POINTS OUT THAT VISITING JOURNALISTS ARE EXEMPT FROM MINIMUM PURCHASEOF CZECH CROWNS REQUIRED OF TOURISTS AND THAT AP OFFICE MAINTAINS A CROWN BANK ACCOUNT IN PRAGUE FROM WHICH HE RECEIVED PER DIEM DURING STAY. THUS, HE HAD NO TEMPTATION TO INDULGE IN ILLICIT EXCHANGE AND IS FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH CURRENCY BLACK MARKETING IN EASTERN EUROPE TO AVOID IT.

2. IT APPEARS TO US THAT GOC DECIDED TO COVER UP REAL REASON FOR REID'S EXPULSION(CHARTER 77 CONTACT) WITH SPURIOUS CHARGE WHICH CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY DISPROVEN.
WE THINK IT POINTLESS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER OFFICIALLY, SINCE SECURITY AUTHORITIES COULD EASILY PRODUCE "WITNESSES" AGAINST REID IF REQUIRED.

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